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Supplies of iron ore

1. During the months of March, April, and May 1952, the following loads of iron ore arrived at Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost.

(a) March 1952.

1524	freight cars ¹	carrying iron ore from the USSR (Krivoi Rog)
975	" "	East German iron ore from the Braunesumpf and Schmalkalden areas.
77	" "	iron ore from Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

(b) April 1952.

2431 freight cars carrying iron ore from the USSR (Krivoi Rog)
1117 " " " " " " East German Braunesumpf
and Schmalkalden areas.

(c) May 1952.

2147	freight	cars	carrying	iron	ore	from	the	USSR
1157	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	East Germany
63	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Rumania.

2. Production of pig iron.

During the Council of Ministers held on 30 May 1952 Fritz Selbmann, the Minister for Heavy Industry reported on the progress made at the Eisenhuettenkombina Ost (EKO) Fuerstenberg. Selbman stated that the production of pig iron at this plant during the past three months of 1952 was as follows:

RETURN TO RECORDS CENTER
IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE
JOB 56-377 BOX 19

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During March	397 tons per day ²
During April	686 " " "
During the first half of May	763 " " "
During the second half of May	800 " " "

Production of cement would, he said, begin on 1 June 52.³

1. Comment: Regarding the load capacity of trucks carrying iron ore, in February 1952 that an average figure of 18.9 tons of iron ore per truck had been worked out in December 1951 in order to assess loading time. 25X1
2. Comment: The figures reported given as "Tages-Tonnen" which usually means the average production in tons per day over a period, but it is quite possible that for propaganda purposes the production on particular days was given. These figures were obtained during a conference of departmental heads at the State Planning Commission on 31 May 1952 when State Secretary Paul Strassenberger gave them the substance of Selbmann's statement to the Council of Ministers the previous day. 25X1
3. cement production did not actually begin at Fuerstenberg on 1 June. it is probable that it will commence very shortly. 25X1

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